



# City of Biggs-465 C Street—P.O. Box 307 Biggs, CA 95917

Where the People Own the Water and Power

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## Dogs and Cats

We would like to take this time to remind residents about some of the regulations for our pets.

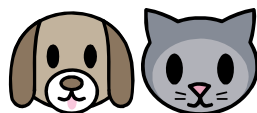
- Dogs can't be running loose. They must be on a leash or secured in its owners yard;
- It is unlawful for any dog to annoy, harass, or bite anyone;
- Dogs can't be allowed to create a disturbance;
- All dogs 4 months or older must be licensed within 30 days of entering the city;
- A rabies vaccination is required

- There are no more than 3 dogs per household are allowed;
- No more than 8 cats per household are allowed.

Remember, having your dog licensed helps to identify your pet if your dog gets loose.

If you are caught with an unlicensed dog you can expect fines.

To find out more information about getting your dog licensed please come to City Hall. License applications are available online at the city website.



## Business Licenses



The City Council earlier this year reviewed the City business license fee and made several changes to requirements and fee amounts, in some cases lowering certain fees. The requirement to verify workers compensation insurance was dropped. The Council also reaffirmed that license fees are a debt to the City with specified liability and an enforcement process, and redirected staff to enforce the license and fee.

The license fees charged are considered a partial offset to the City's costs in providing business district parking

and street sweeping services, business and economic development promotional services, and law enforcement and fire services.

The City Code Enforcement Officer is now authorized to inspect for and file complaints against persons doing business in the City without proper licensing. This can include fines and publishing the business owners name along with the business name in a local paper until a license is obtained.

Before your license expires, please come into City Hall and renew the license. License fees and applications are available online. If you have any questions please call contact City Hall at 868-0102.



## Want To Put Up A Fence?

The Planning Department would like to take this opportunity to inform all citizens that the Fence Permit Application Process has been completed and is in effect. The process is to provide the City an opportunity to review plans for new fences, replace-

ment fences and additions to fences, to assure that fences are located and constructed within compliance with applicable City codes. The process is intended to help reduce the potential for fences being constructed within the City right-of-way and to assure that traffic safety and visibility concerns are addressed prior to the construction of fences.

If you are planning on installing or repairing a fence you do need approval prior

to installation. The process is fairly easy and in most cases can be handled within a day's time. The application and related materials may be found on the City website and in City Hall in the Planning Department.

If you fail to obtain a permit you could find the City removing your fence. For more information please contact the Planning Department at 868-5447 or come in and see us in our new office at 465 C Street.





## Fire Safety Message

It's that time of year again when we would like to remind everyone to test and change the batteries in their smoke detectors. If anyone has questions, needs help with their smoke detectors please call your local Fire Station at 868-5834.

Also, with the cold winter months quickly approaching, now is a good time to make sure your stoves and fireplaces are clean and free of debris that could lead to a flue fire.



## Falling Leaves And What To Do With Them

Fall is upon us and it is that time of year when we have leaves coming down. We want to take this time to remind you that leaves do not belong in the street.

Debris from raking leaves and mowing lawns belongs in your yard carts. Should they be placed in the streets you are subject to a fine from the city.

Please help us keep storm drains unclogged.

## Upcoming Dates

October 3	14-Mile Yard Sale
October 10	Fall Recycling/Clean-up
November 11	Veteran's Day—Office Closed
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4	Hometown Christmas Celebration
December 24-25	Christmas Holiday - Offices Closed
January 1, 2010	New Year's Day—Offices Closed

## FUN WATER FACTS

Many of the foods and drinks we consume require water to produce; this water is known as "virtual water." Did you know:

- It takes 13 gallons of water to produce an orange, and 27 gallons to produce a banana.
- It takes 8 gallons to produce an 8-ounce cup of tea, and 37

- gallons to produce an 8-ounce cup of coffee.
- It takes 467 gallons to produce one pound of chicken, and 1,857 gallons to produce one pound of meat.
- It takes 407 gallons to produce one pound of rice, and 108 gallons to produce one pound of potatoes.

Source: waterfootprint.org

## POWER CONTENT LABEL

ENERGY RESOURCES	Biggs System Average (projected)	2008 CA POWER MIX** (for comparison)
<b>Eligible Renewable</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>2%</b>
-- Biomass & waste	<1%	<1%
-- Geothermal	15%	1%
-- Small hydroelectric	1%	<1%
-- Solar	<1%	<1%
-- Wind	<1%	1%
<b>Coal</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Large Hydroelectric</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Nuclear</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

54.4% of Biggs System Average is specifically purchased from individual suppliers.

\*\* Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.

For specific information about this electricity product, contact **City of Biggs**. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at 1-800-555-7794 or [www.energy.ca.gov/consumer](http://www.energy.ca.gov/consumer).

## Census 2010

### The Census: A Snapshot

**What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

**Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.

**When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.

**Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement ques-

tionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

### A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Each year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

Source: U.S. Census